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JUDGE CHRISTIAN ORATOR ON OCCASION OF LEE'S BIRTHDAY

Glowing Tribute to the South, Its Cause and Its Leaders. Appreciative Audience

A large contingent of students, a goodly attendance of townspeople, and in the lower right-hand corner, the few who remain in Williamsburg of the gallant host whose glory grows as their number shrinks, listened for an hour last night to Judge G. L. Christian's speech.

After a short but pertinent introductory talk by President Tyler Judge Christian began his oration. He referred briefly to his previous service as orator at the College at a similar function twelve years ago. Though the occasion was Gen. Lee's birthday, the speaker devoted a considerable part of his time to matters which, while in a way foreign to the subject of his talk, in another sense must be inseparably connected with any endeavor to outline the life of the "Greatest Son of the South."

Jackson, the Army of Northern Virginia and the Confederate Cause were frequently alluded to in the course of the address.

The speech was a masterly, scholarly and eloquent exposition of subjects which must ever be precious to a Virginia audience. Frequent bursts of enthusiastic applause interrupted the orator in the course of his speech. Charles Francis Adams, Von Moltke and Lincoln in succession were quoted in various connections with the subject of the evening.

Judge Christian's speech was characteristic of its author, an old-time Virginia gentleman of the cavalier school, and was heartily enjoyed by all who heard it, as was evidenced by the long-continued applause which marked its finish.

Morrisette has entered Randolph-Macon College.

Dr. Draper returned to town this morning, feeling fine and in good spirits. On interview he states that all rumors of his marriage are absolutely without foundation. "Not yet," he said with a smile that intimated, "but soon."

Editor Flat Hat:—I want to call attention to the carelessness or negligence of Academy basketball manager, who forgot that he had scheduled a game with Portsmouth High School in Portsmouth Saturday. Let's see the managers do more managing. Onlooker.

CHANGES IN LEAGUE CONSTITUTION. R. C. THREATENS WITHDRAWAL

Report of Mr. C. A. Taylor, Resident Representative. Dr. Ritchie Offers Amendment

At a meeting of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association held at the Richmond Hotel, January 16th, the following matters of importance to the colleges of the association were taken up, discussed and passed:

(1). An amendment to the constitution of the association determining the meaning of the expression "bona fide student" as applied to men eligible to participate in athletics under the supervision of the association. The amendment provides that a bona fide student is one who can offer 10 Carnegie units for entrance to any institution in the association. The college authorities are required to submit proof of the student's having met this requirement upon the demand of any college in the league. The amendment also provides that a student to be eligible to participate in athletic contests under the supervision of the league must take a minimum of 10 hours' work per week. In the case of professional students (law, medicine, etc.) three-fourths of the course must be taken.

(2). The action of the Executive Committee in deciding upon a double series in football was confirmed by the association.

(3). An amendment providing that any man disqualified in any athletic contest by the officials of the game for foul language to a player or official or for unnecessary roughness should appear before the Executive Committee and show reason why he should not be disqualified for the remainder of the season.

(4). Amendment offered by Dr. Ritchie: No man who is an alumnus of more than one college in the association shall represent any college in the association on the Executive Committee or in the general association.

The managers of the football teams of the R. M., H. S., and W. & M. reported that they could not arrange games with Richmond College for next year owing to the fact that Richmond College claimed to have already made out a schedule that prohibited their playing two championship games with each of the other colleges. The manager of the

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WHO'S HOW AND WHY AT THE VENERABLE COLLEGE OF W. AND M.

Something of the Great and Near-Great In These Parts. Walter B. Nourse

"Not to know him argues yourself unknown." Who among the students of recent days but that knows Walter B. Nourse? Who among the students of recent days but that loves Walter B. Nourse? Walter came to us about five years ago, and with varying success he has been coming ever since. I say varying success for he has been sick several times and on one occasion missed almost the entire year from his work. In spite of his drawbacks he is now nearing the goal of A. B.

When Walter entered he was exposed to Baskerville, Biology and Football. Of the first, it may be said that it never broke out on him; of the second, he has made quite a success, in fact so much so that one would almost believe by his "Elmorean" walk that he had established the missing link; of the third, we may say that by his persistent efforts he has established the right to be a cousin of Harry Todd and an uncle to Nourse, the famous center of the Harvard football team.

Long ago it was said of him that he was afraid of calico, but times have changed now and he is "strong" with the fair sex. We once heard Walter say that he had not kissed a girl since his cradlehood days, but we have our doubts, for in the next breath he declared that his favorite girls had freckle faces in summer and red nose and chapped lips in winter. Wonder how he finds out their lips are chapped? Besides his success in Biology, football and calico, Walter is a popular member of the firm, Witchley, Nourse and Wright, who are dealers in text books and students' supplies.

Charlie Taylor, of Richmond, visited his brother, P. P. Taylor, Saturday and Sunday.

Compulsory chapel will be Monday and Thursday mornings instead of Monday and Friday, after February 1st.

A letter from Mr. W. H. Cardwell, of Randolph-Macon College, states that the debating council of that college has petitioned the faculty to grant credits for one course in English to each student who represents the college in intercollegiate literary contests.

"DECEMBER MAGAZINE A DISTINCT ACHIEVEMENT." DR. J. S. WILSON

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Ghosts of plumpuddings, cranberry sauce and holly balls haunt one as he reads a poem on Christmas on the fifteenth of January. Why, we wonder, are college magazines always late! Better come with "the punch" though in the last round than come fainting from anaemia in the first; and the December Literary Magazine has some strong points to reward our waiting.

"A Tragedy of Three" is a strong, well-composed story of crime. Sombre and unpleasant as the plot is, the story is easily first in imaginative power and in expression. It leaves a picture burnt, almost painfully burnt into our memory.

"Ophel the Simple-Minded" is a Christmas angel-myth. It is gracefully imagined. The other story, "Madge's Deliverance," is in many respects the most human and the most entertaining of the three. In expression and art it is far inferior to either. Parts of the work, especially the dialogue, is excellent; it has "go" and is convincing. But the unity of the plot suffers from carelessness of transition; incident follows incident in confused sequence. The reader is frequently left to wonder who he is with and where he is supposed to be. A little skillful revision and riveting together of the apparently disunited parts would have made of this an exceptionally good story.

Easily a half length ahead of all other entries in the magazine is the poem "The Northland." Mr. Wells has achieved real art in these verses. Four lines sing themselves into one's heart. There is a fragrance about them like a breath from the fir-forests of which they sing:

"Give me the balm of thy fir trees,
Odors of cedar and pine,
A couch of the resinous hemlock,
And air as rare old wine."

It is soothing to quote lines like that; so simple, so direct, and so fresh of beauty.

The other poems are less striking. "Lines to the Statue of Liberty" is a well-constructed sonnet and has thought to carry that is of worth. Its lack is in spontaneity. It is unforgivable in editors and poets

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THE ATHLETIC SITUATION

By action of the Athletic Council last week the constitution of the Association was amended, effecting a change in the method of electing managers. The power of election was taken out of the hands of the Association and delegated to the Council. No action could have been taken which in our opinion would be more disastrous to the welfare of athletics at William and Mary.

First, it deprives the members of the Association of the privilege for which most of them pay their athletic dues—a voice in the proceedings of the Association. To ask them to contribute to the support of an organization in whose conduct they have no part is an obvious absurdity. It might be argued that members still control the election of the president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer, but the fact remains that in the distribution of the "plums," the managerial berths, they are a nonentity.

In the second place this action makes the Council a self-perpetuating body, controlling the entire athletic program and policy—nine men, not representative of the students' will, but self-appointed, guiding the destinies of athletics at a college. Absurd, we say, assinine.

Finally, with this system operative politics is given full sway. A

clique that can once gain a majority in the Council will be able to hold it indefinitely, while the student-body, the source of its financial support, stands helplessly by, unable to move a peg. We repeat it, ASSININE!

The time is not beyond the memory of the older students when such a clique composing the Council ran it and ruined it, financially. Under the system just inaugurated the time will be not far distant when the same condition of affairs will again prevail. The proceedings of the Council will be veiled in mystery and secrecy and will give rise to much dissatisfaction and dark rumors of political jobbery, most of them probably well founded.

To lend a touch of the ridiculous to the entire affair comes the information that the Council is proceeding to enforce its amendment notwithstanding it was not ratified by the Association; another flagrant violation of the constitution.

The remedy lies in an immediate change in the constitution to restore to the student-body the power of choosing managers. We suggest the following system: Every candidate for nomination to offer his name to the Council; free consideration of all applicants and the naming of three (not two, as heretofore) of these applicants for final election by the entire Association.

While discussing this subject it might not be amiss to note other indications of the slipshod, haphazard methods employed in conducting the affairs of the Association. The provision in the constitution providing for the disbursement of funds is being violated. It calls for a signed order from the president to the treasurer, who alone is empowered to issue checks and then only by order of the president. Various officers of the Council have discharged the debts of the Association without observing this form. Little wonder, however, when it is known that the Council is unable to procure a copy of the constitution and seems not to be sufficiently interested to make any endeavor to obtain it! The provisions of the constitution in regard to some matters are unknown (to wit, the requirements for football monograms) and the Council calmly proceeds to manufacture its own constitution and its own interpretation thereof.

Furthermore the accounts of the Council are in such a deplorable state of neglect that there is no way of arriving at a satisfactory statement of its finances. Season tickets were issued promiscuously and no record of them preserved, the authorities trusting to the gods to collect for them. Nor has anyone on payment been given a receipt. No statement of such payment exists, except the aggregate sum collected by the treasurer.

Finally the matter of securing a

student-body representative has been neglected, (in direct violation of the constitution) the students by this omission being deprived of just that amount of voice in the conduct of the affairs of the Association.

A thorough shake up, it seems, is in order, and a full and complete statement due to the members of the Association.

Professor Geo. O. Ferguson, of the Faculty, was called to Leesburg Thursday on business.

WANTED

The College Librarian desires No. 8 of last year's Flat Hat to complete the file of volume two. Any person having this issue will confer a favor by bringing same to the College Library or to the Flat Hat office.

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alike to print such rhymes as "grand" and "man," "folds" and "rolls," "pearl" and "world." Illiteracy is never forgivable outside of quotation marks in print. These poems give promise of better things to come.

Where are our essayists? It is in the field of the discursive or imaginary essay that our college men do their best work. "The Lit" would do well to encourage some of its contributors to undertake one or two interesting assignments for essays.

Whatever flaws one may point to, there is the greater virtue of fine work by three comparatively new writers, and promising work by as many more; and the whole publication is the product of undergraduate brains. The December Magazine is a distinct achievement. And better, it is a clear sounded challenge to the whole student body.

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R. C. team stated his case to the committee, explaining that although he had not signed contracts with the teams he had been negotiating with, he did not feel that he could shirk the obligation of completing arrangements for games with the teams mentioned. The H. S. manager reported at this point that he had already canceled one game in order to meet the requirements of the association that a double series be played. He stated that he had no difficulty in being relieved from his promise to play the team in question (U. of V.). The committee then suggested to the R. C. manager that he follow the procedure of the H. S. manager. This brought a statement from him that R. C. would not play the two championship game schedule and that he supposed the committee would have to drop R. C. from the league. As R. C.'s representative on the committee, Mr. Cordozo, had no instructions from the college authorities to make any such proposition to the committee, the statement of the R. C. manager was disregarded and the committee proceeded to make out a schedule for R. C. that would include the six championship games. The R. C. manager promised to take the matter before the athletic authorities of his college.

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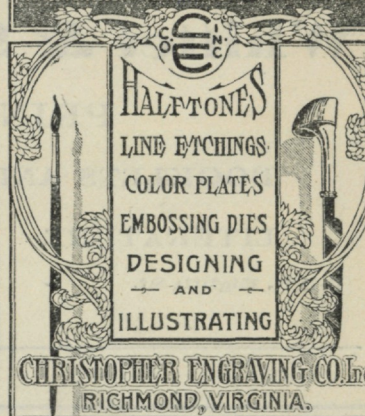
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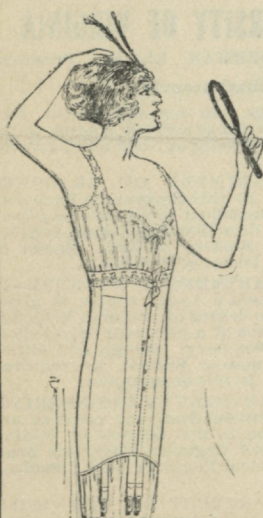
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COLLEGE GOSSIP

J. O. Powell, of the Academy, has severed his connection with that department and will enter Maury High School at Norfolk on February 1st.

W. L. Joyce, who went to Patrick county to spend Xmas has returned from Huntington, W. Va.

The weather of the past week froze the ice on the lake sufficiently to enable the boys to skate, and they did not fail to take advantage of the occasion.

Guy has been confined to his room with slight symptoms of grip.

PREPS VS. SCRUBS

While the varsity team was enjoying the refreshing sea breezes at Hampton and Norfolk the local preps hooked up with the scrub team and scrubbed them. The score, 29 to 14, does not tell the tale. There were hard shots and hard bumps—pretty plays and pretty girls (on the side lines, of course). The work of the Academy five was characterized by excellent team work. Spencer and Geddy made some brilliant shots. For the scrubs Ray Addington, the Hoosier hangover, carried off the honors, or what was left of it after the preps got theirs. Geo. Ben Geddy made an attempt at refereeing the contest and got away with it before the crowd got wise.

PRELIMINARY DEBATE

The first preliminary contest for membership on the College debating team took place last Friday night in the Chapel. Ten men entered the contest, out of which ten eight were selected for the second preliminary contest to be held early in February. From these eight at that time the final team of four will be chosen.

The debates in this contest, in the opinion of the judges, showed considerable preparation and thought but lacked the necessary fire in delivery. The question of debate was: "Resolved, That the President Should be Elected for a Six-year Term and that He should be Ineligible for Re-election." Five men took the affirmative side and five the negative, selection being made by lot. The judges of the contest were Dr. Wilson, Prof. Clark and Prof. Ferguson. The following eight men were selected: Messrs. Franklin Barnes, Grimsley, Gurley, Huffines, Outland, Shackelford, Smith and Thorp.

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